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SUBJECT: JOINT WORLD BANK-LIBYA PROJECT IN ZAIRE

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1. IBRD REP GUETTA TOLD CHARGE FEB. 26 WORLD BANK AND LIBYA HAD AGREED TO STUDY JOINT FINANCING OF EXPANSION GECAMINES COPPER PRODUCTION. DURING MOBUTU'S TRIP TO LIBYA LAST FALL, HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ARAB INVESTMENT IN BLACK AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, GUETTA PROPOSED WORLD BANK ENTER PICTURE AND BOTH MOBUTU AND MCNAMARA EXPRESSED INTEREST.

2. IN LETTER DATED FEB. 12 MCNAMARA WROTE LIBYAN PRIMIN JALLOUD PROPOSING JOINT APPROACH AND SUGGESTING GUETTA VISIT TRIPOLI TO DISCUSS IDEAS. IN SUBSEQUENT WASHINGTON - TRIPOLI - WASHINGTON TRIP GUETTA SAID HE FOUND JALLOUD RECEPTIVE (PEMBELE OF GOZ PRESIDENCY WAS ALSO PRESENT IN TRIPOLI). MCNAMARA IN LETTER INDICATED EXPANSION WOULD COST AROUND \$300 MILLION OF WHICH HALF WOULD BE FINANCED BY GECAMINES. GUETTA SAID EVENTUAL FIGURES COULD BE MUCH HIGHER IF IBRD, LIBYA AND OTHERS CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICIPATED IN EXPANSION OF REFINING FACILITIES AS WELL. TACTIC IS NOT TO FRIGHTEN LIBYANS AND AT OUTSET TO TALK

OF SPECIFIC PROJECT OR PROJECTS WHICH MIGHT COST GOL ONLY \$50-75 MILLION.

- 3. NEXT STEP IS FOR IBRD TEAM (POSSIBLY INCLUDING LIBYAN EXPERTS) TO VISIT ZAIRE IN MARCH TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS.
- 4. COMMENT: ABOVE IS IN LINE WITH MOBUTU'S INTEREST IN PROMOTING ARAB ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPMENT IN BLACK AFRICA. IT ALSO ACCORDS WITH WHAT WE UNDER STAND IS MCNAMARA'S VIEW ARABS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED DO MORE ASIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. GUETTA AWARE GECAMINES THINKING OF APPROACHING EXIM FOR PARTIAL FINANCING OF EXPANSION (REFTEL). SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE WONDERED IF EXIM DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH ON ITS PLATE WHAT WITH INGA II AND THE INGA-SHABA TRANSMISSION LINE. GUETTA SAID SENIOR OFFICIALS AT WORLD BANK WERE NOT CONCERNED OVER RECENT ZAIRIANIZATION MEASURES EXCEPT IN SENSE THAT ECONOMY NOT SUFFER UNDULY. IBRD SEEMED CONSIDER ECONOMIC MEASURES ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 30 TO BE EXPECTED SOONER OR LATER. WE NOTE FIGURES IN MCNAMARA'S LETTER DO NOT JIBE WITH THOSE IN REFTEL OBTAINED BY US FROM GECAMINES. POSSIBLY THIS IS BECAUSE THEY WERE ORDER-OF-MAGNITUDE ESTIMATES FOR PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS. NEWLIN

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